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## **"TUBERCLECID" NOT INVESTIGATED.**

NO INVESTIGATION OF THIS PREPARATION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Inquiries are constantly being received by the United States Public Health Service in regard to a preparation called "Tuberclecid," the advertising literature of which appears to indicate that an investigation of the curative value of this compound has been or is being made by direction of the President.

In order to avoid possible misunderstandings on the part of the public, it is necessary to state that no investigation of the preparation in question has been made or is contemplated by the Public Health Service; in fact, such investigation was specifically declined. All inquirers in regard to this matter have been referred to the statements on tuberculosis in Public Health Bulletin No. 36:

Rest, pure air, and good food are the three essentials in treatment. . . . There is no drug known, however rare or expensive it may be, that has any special curative action on this disease, and all remedies advertised as such are to be avoided. . . . There are many symptoms peculiar to each case which may require medicines, but what is good for one patient may be very bad for another.

The title of the bulletin above referred to is "Tuberculosis—Its Nature and Prevention." Other publications treating of the same subject are Public Health Bulletin No. 35, "The Relation of Climate to the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis," and reprint No. 221 from the Public Health Reports, entitled "Tuberculosis—The Financial Aspect of the Sick Leaving Home in Search of a Beneficial Climate." Copies of any of these can be obtained by making a request of the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington.

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## **INFECTIOUS JAUNDICE.**

Dr. L. J. Richards, health officer of Elizabeth, N. J., has reported a mild outbreak of infectious jaundice in Elizabeth, beginning in September, 1914. The disease is probably identical with what is sometimes called "epidemic catarrhal jaundice," also "Weil's disease."